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Apart from straight news coverage, and possible hypocritical remarks in minor paper such as SABAAH, Tunisian public would probably be indifferent to negative Volta river decision by USG GOT officials privately would applaud negative decision, both as increasing Tunisian hope of potential access to US aid and because Nkrumah's African policies have been anathema to GOT (the Tunisian Labor Union in particular will be gratified; its leaders have charged US with helping our opponents in Africa more than our friends).

However, over long term, if there is change in regime here, or significant modification of GOT's foreign alignment, we could expect to see resurrection of line that US subjects aid programs to political conditions.

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